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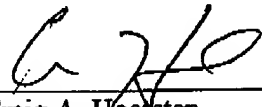
1. I reside at 2425 Hopkins Drive, Plano, Texas 75025 and have since May 2000.
2. I am Corporate Counsel for Alcatel USA, authorized to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
3. The present invention was first written up in August 2000 (see attached Exhibit A, page 4 and 5, sections 5 (a) (b) and (c)).
4. The present invention was described in a Technical Information Sheet that was prepared and dated March 9, 2001 and subsequently submitted to the Alcatel Intellectual Property Department.
5. The Invention was filed as a provisional application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2001 and received Serial No. 60/302,967.
6. Preparation of the utility application was completed and filed on September 18, 2001.

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